



**CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER
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THE CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER

will be a distinctive and honorable place where past, present and future experiences and achievements of California Indians are recognized, celebrated and shared.



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Honoring Diversity & History
of California Indian People





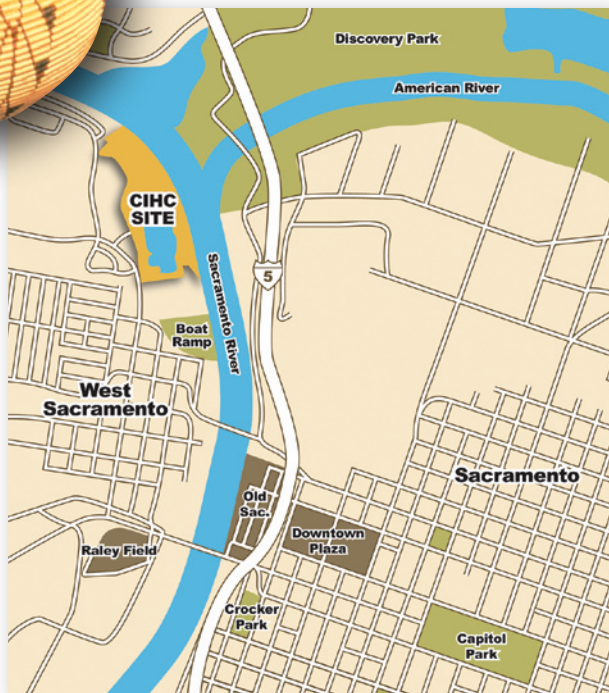
CIHC STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The California Indian Heritage Center honors the diversity and history of California Indian people by preserving cultural and tribal traditions, nurturing contemporary expressions, and facilitating research and education, for California, the nation, and the world.



"We need to teach our youth about traditions. This is an opportunity to bring California Indian people together."

- Randy Yonemura (Miwok)



"As the Sacramento region is central to the present and future of all Californians, so is the California Indian Heritage Center to the traditions, present and future, of the original people of this land."

- Jack Norton (Hupa/Cherokee)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Create a place that represents and celebrates all California Indian Cultures, while remaining nameless, faceless and neutral.
- Honor and respect local tribal protocols and traditions for welcoming other tribes.
- Build a Center on the premise of Healing the Land, demonstrating traditional values for land stewardship and environmental consciousness.
- Encourage understanding of Indian values through site design, reinforcing the message of Californian Indian Culture as a Living Culture. Inject California Indian values in all aspects of site development.
- Develop site and facilities with a natural character, using natural materials and a light footprint on the land.
- Embrace the river and the seasons.
- Enable site flexibility, allowing different event formats.
- Provide integrated indoor and outdoor spaces to facilitate transfer of culture, education and preservation of traditions.
- Provide safe and comfortable spaces for all visitors, emphasizing easy pedestrian circulation.
- Create a Center that is a good neighbor through community engagement.

Artist rendering of future CIHC

